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1. The response filed July 15, 2004 is deemed to be non-compliant since it is exactly identical with the earlier response filed by applicant on April 21, 2004 to which the Examiner set out a non-compliant letter. To reiterate, the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 11 of the specification and ending on line 16 has been incorrectly set forth by applicant at page 2 of his response. Note particularly the last sentence of this paragraph is the result of an extensive amendment which has not been properly set forth in the response, as per the Revised Amendment Practice rules attached herewith. Applicant should be aware that the time period for response continues to run.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is (571) 272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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